

1-A-Day SCRIPTURE

**Scripture
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for
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of the
Year**

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Psalms
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God's
Greatness



**³ Say unto God,
How terrible art
thou in thy
works!**

**through the
greatness of
thy power shall
thine enemies
submit
themselves
unto thee.**

**⁵ Come and
see the works
of God:**

**he is terrible
in his doing
toward the
children of men.**

**⁷ He ruleth by
his power for
ever; his
eyes behold
the nations:
let not the
rebellious
exalt
themselves.
Selah.**

God, what you
do is totally
awesome!

I can see why
your enemies
surrender to you.
It's because of
your great power.

Hey everybody,
come see God's
fantastic creations.

What he does

for people is
just amazing!

God's power
rules!

It's non-stop
and unending!

By the way,
God sees
everything.
So, those who
are defiant,

they really
shouldn't
become
arrogant
and full of
themselves.

Really?
Truth.

September
2

Romans
1:17

**From
Faith
to
Faith**



**For therein
is the
righteousness
of God
revealed from
faith to
faith: as it is
written, The
just shall live
by faith.**

The principle of
living by faith
is not new nor
is it solely a
New Testament
ideology.

This verse says,
“as it is written”
and we may read
the Old Testament
book of Habakkuk,
chapter 2, verse 4
as a reference.

This is, as
some might say,
“old school”—
really old
school.

“From faith to faith”
is rudimentary
righteousness and,
practically speaking,
that’s what it takes
to live, not just
church-going,
but truly successful

godly lives.

We really do have
to go from faith
to faith. We
live from one
experience
requiring faith to
another situation
which requires
faith. Sometimes
each incident or
life experience
demands deeper

levels of faith.

It's not over, going
from faith to faith,
that is, until it's all
over—until our
own individual
existence has come
to a close.

Even in that, it is
by faith that we look
to be in eternal
blessedness with and
because of the Savior.

September
3

Ecclesiasticus
18:30-33

**Setting
Yourself
Up For
Sorrow**



**30 Go not after
thy lusts, but
refrain thyself
from thine
appetites.**

**31 If thou givest
thy soul the
desires that
please her,
she will make
thee a laughing
stock to thine
enemies, that**

malign thee.

**³² Take not
pleasure in
much good
cheer,
neither be tied
to the expense
thereof.**

**³³ Be not made
a beggar by
banqueting
upon borrowing,
when thou hast
nothing in thy**

**purse, for thou
shalt lie in
wait for thy
own life: and
be talked on.**



Some time ago,
I saw a clip about
a young woman in
her mid 20s who
had debt collectors
standing at her
front door. They
were waiting to
repossess unpaid
home furnishings
and other items
in her condo.

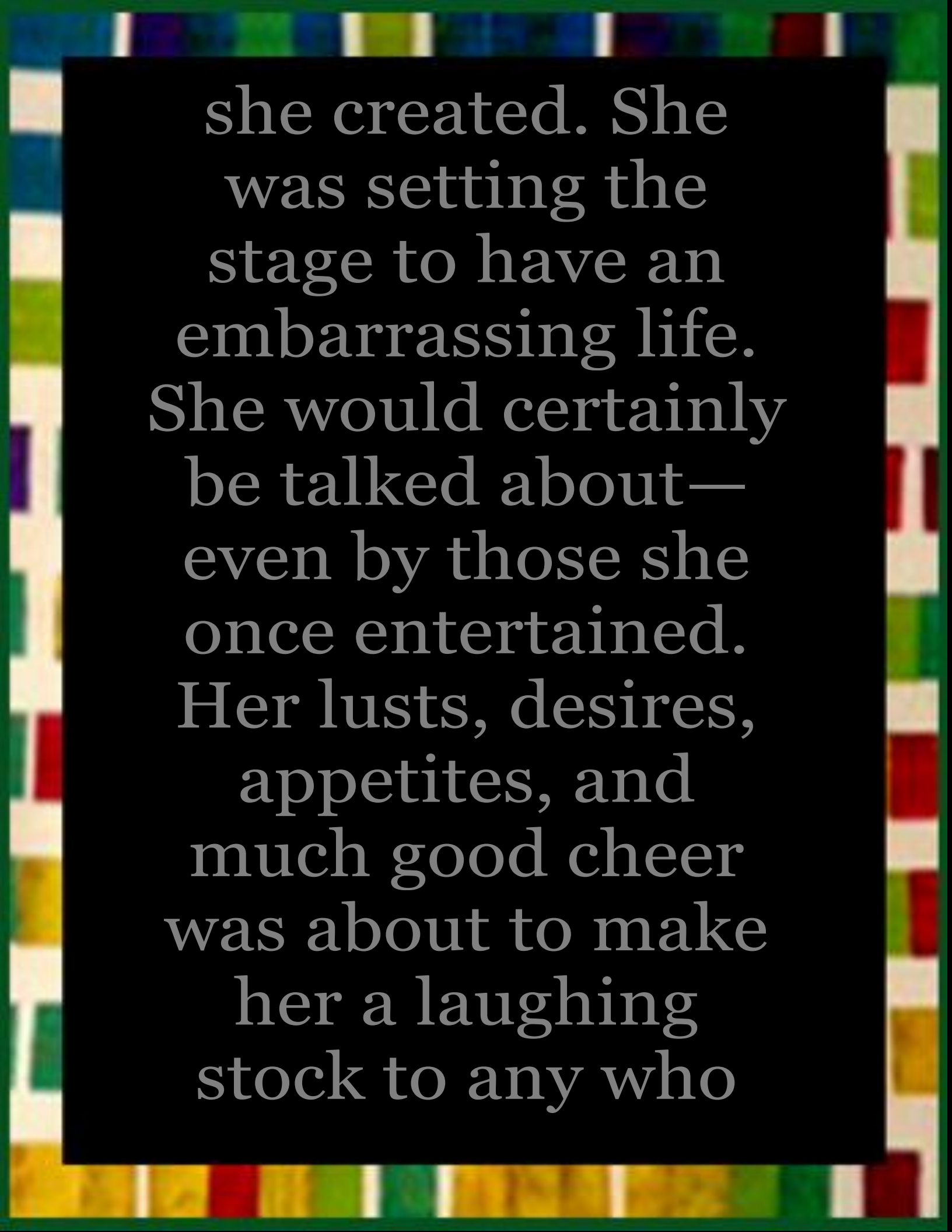
At the same time,

guests were
visiting her and
enjoying her
expensive foods
and drinks.

The woman had
been regularly
entertaining
others, spending
lots of money on
lavish cars, clothes,
jewels, collectables,
music, trips and

other things she obviously couldn't afford— including the home itself.

She was about to become a beggar by banqueting on (indulging) borrowing though she had nothing in her purse. She had become tied to the expenses



she created. She
was setting the
stage to have an
embarrassing life.
She would certainly
be talked about—
even by those she
once entertained.
Her lusts, desires,
appetites, and
much good cheer
was about to make
her a laughing
stock to any who

would love to see
her down. She was
setting herself up
for sorrow.

This bit of wisdom
can be seen as a
warning to avoid
this kind of
scenario which is,
unfortunately,
quite common in
many societies.
Far too many

insist on living
above their means
and they end up
suffering harsh
consequences.

This guidance
was applicable
during the time
it was written
and in today's
times as well.

It's sound
advice for anyone

to keep their
“gotta’-have-it”
behavior
(harmful cravings),
in check.

September
4

Psalm
9:9

A
Safety



**The LORD
also will
be a
refuge
for the
oppressed,
a refuge
in times
of trouble.**

Not only can
the LORD give
us a refuge, a safe
place or respite,
but He can BE
that very
reprieve.

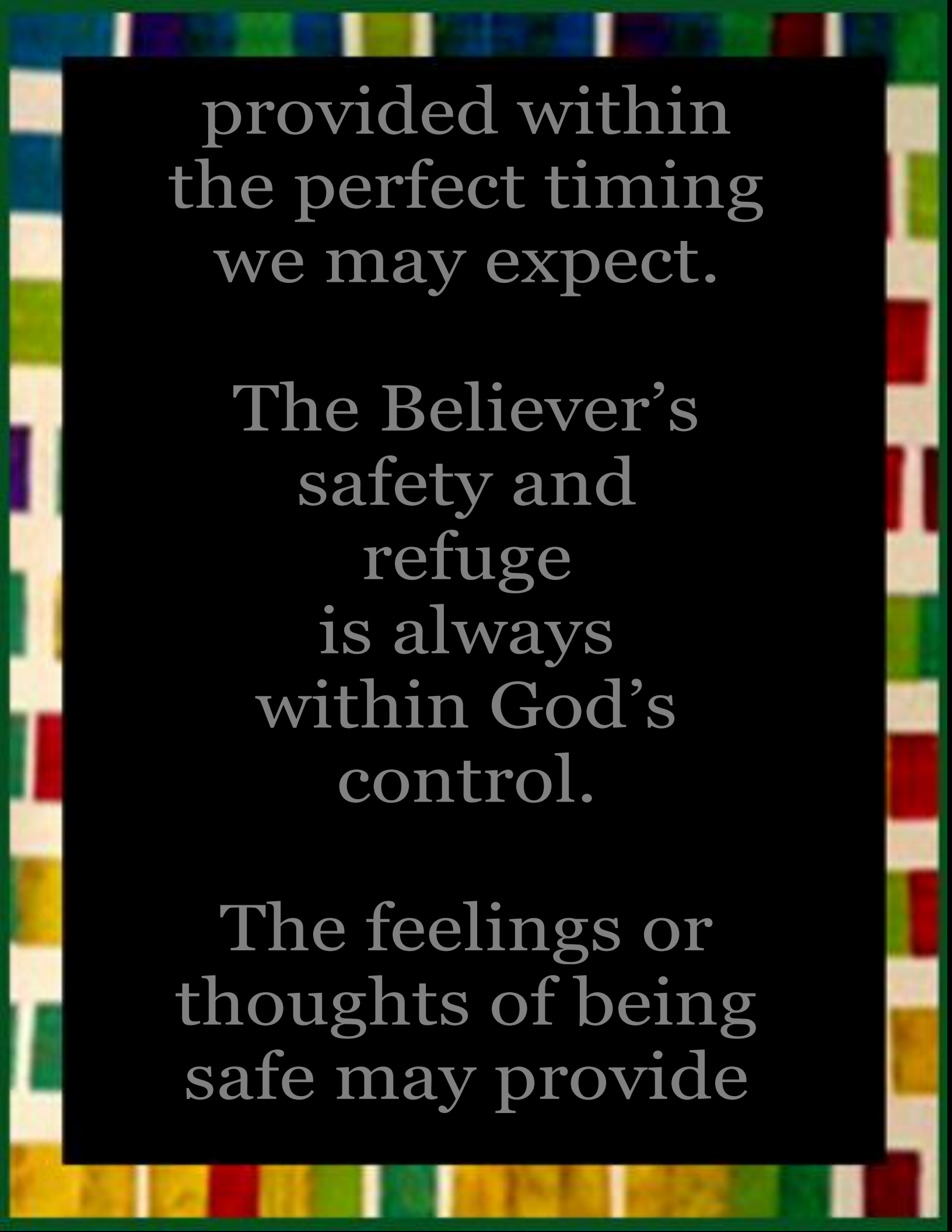
He can be
our amnesty
in times
of trouble.

The Lord,



however,
does not
always provide
quick-fixes in
troublesome
situations and
safety may not
be the picture
perfect idea we
may have in
mind.

Solutions
may not be



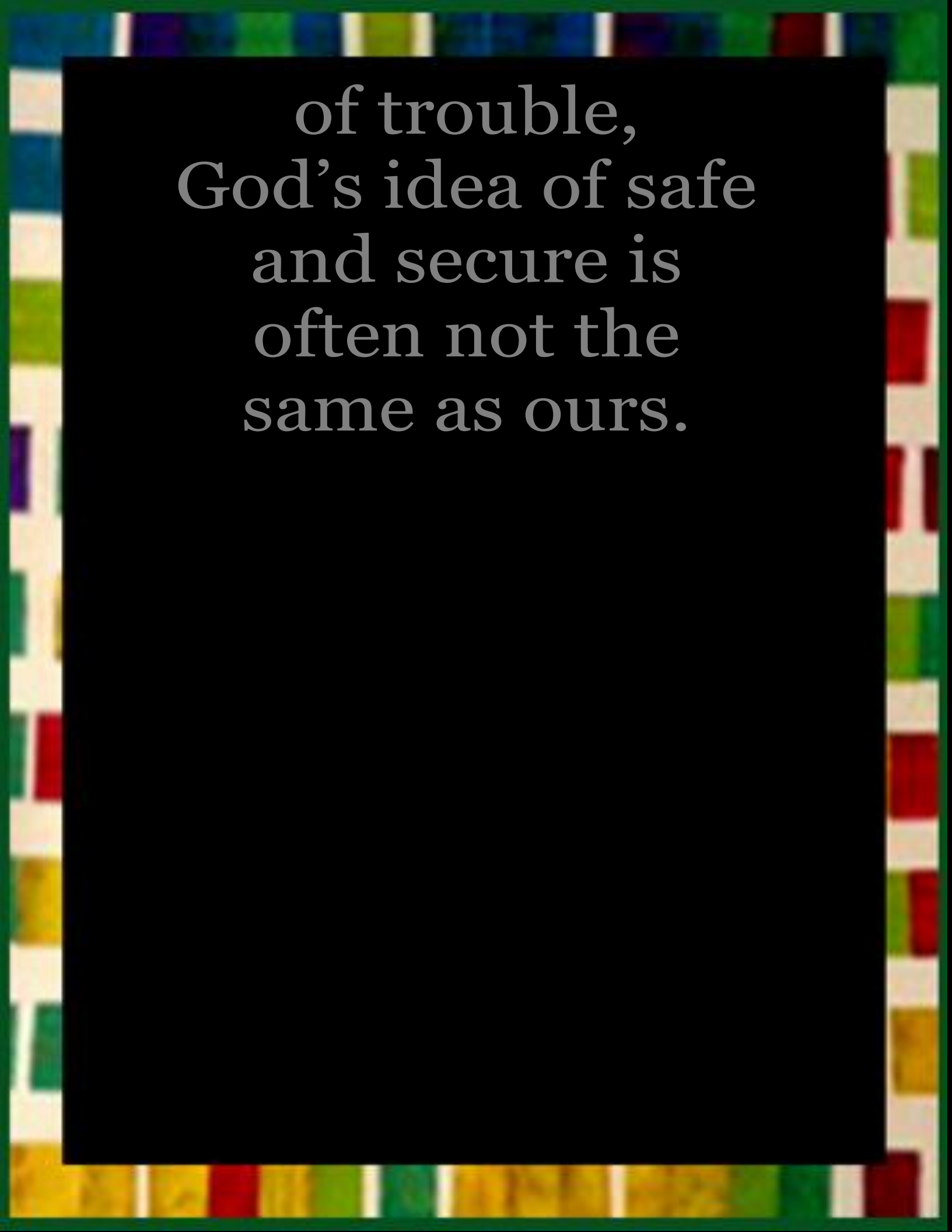
provided within
the perfect timing
we may expect.

The Believer's
safety and
refuge
is always
within God's
control.

The feelings or
thoughts of being
safe may provide

comfort, but
we need to
thoroughly
comprehend
that we may
be safest
when it appears
that we are on
a ledge.

In other words,
though the
Lord may be
a safety in times



of trouble,
God's idea of safe
and secure is
often not the
same as ours.

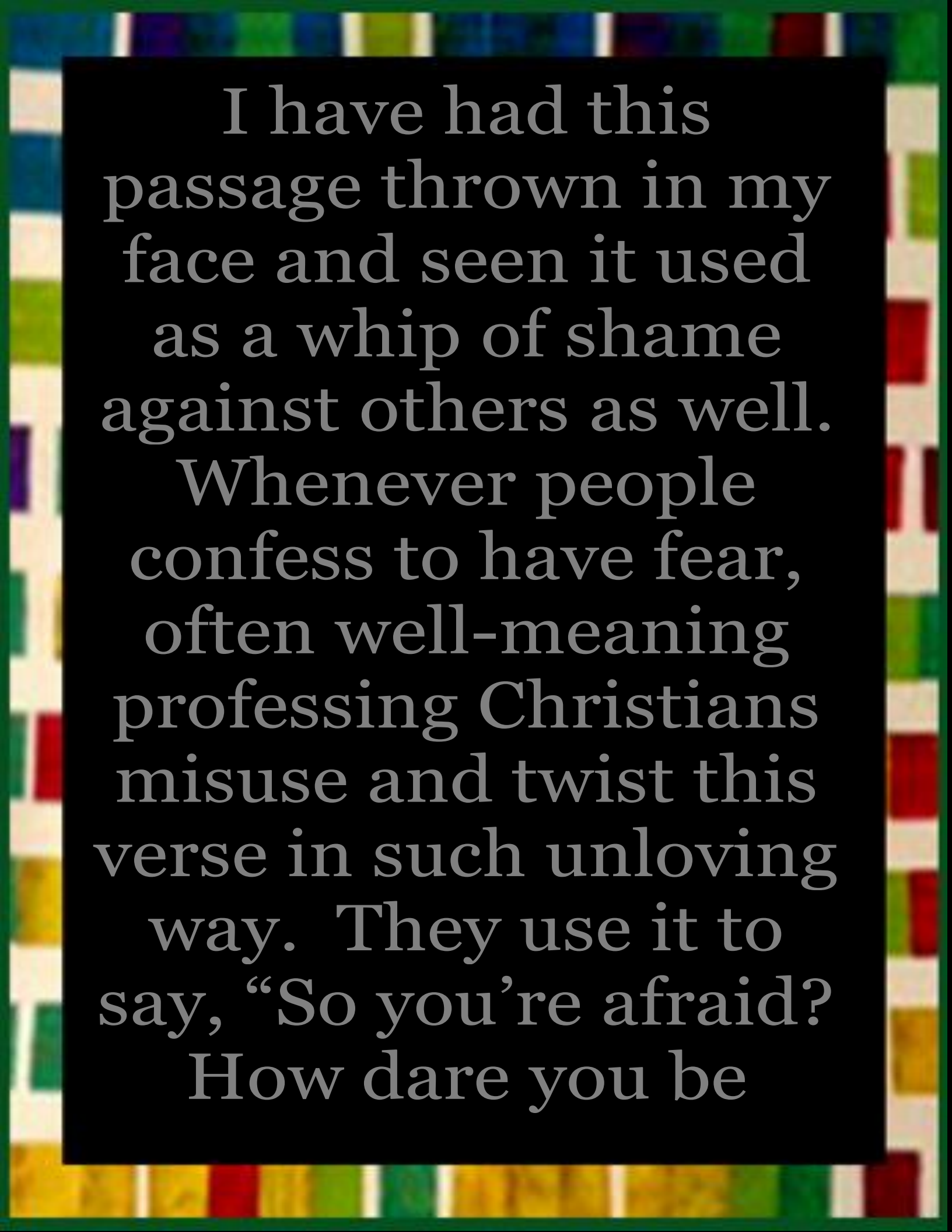
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2 Timothy
1:7

“Afraid?”
WHAM!
“That’s
Not God!”
Huh?



**For God hath
not given us
the spirit of
fear; but of
power, and
of love, and
of a sound
mind.**



I have had this
passage thrown in my
face and seen it used
as a whip of shame
against others as well.

Whenever people
confess to have fear,
often well-meaning
professing Christians
misuse and twist this
verse in such unloving
way. They use it to
say, “So you’re afraid?
How dare you be

afraid!” Then they slam you with, “God has not given us the spirit of fear.” Some even go so far as to say your feelings of fear are, “not of God” and are instead, “of the devil.” They leave the hearer hurt and confused and still in fear about whatever the initial situation may have been.

Nonetheless, these words were never intended to cause emotional injury toward Believers when they experienced sadness or anxiety. It was never meant to say that if you have fears or worries, you are being influenced by evil spirits and are, therefore, bad or are, in some way, out of

God's will.

In context to the rest of the passage (2 Timothy 1:1-10), the verse was said as comfort, encouragement, and instruction. Paul was trying to convey to Timothy that the same “unfeigned faith” in God that was in his grandmother and

mother, was also in Timothy. Paul was saying to be unashamed of the testimony of the Lord. He was teaching to be a willing “partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God...” So, rather than being a scolding for having fears (as it is quite wrongly used by

some), the whole passage, when rightly divided, was an uplift and reminder of what was within Timothy and what the whole situation was actually about—regardless to how things appeared.

We can glean (from what Paul was saying to Timothy) that in suffering, sadness,

loss, and any emotional pain or disappointment, God's power and love overcomes our fears and grants us sound minds. Such sound minds are aided by "sound words" (verse 13). Sound minds comprehend the truth that God saved us and called us with a "holy calling" which is not

about our works, but
instead, concerns
God's purpose.

All of the seeming
misery is, in reality,
the manifestation
(the viewable
evidence) of Christ
having connected us
to himself through
his work of
“abolishing death”
and bringing “life

and immortality”
through the gospel.

September
6

Romans
6:5

**Planted
Together**



**For if we have
been planted
together in the
likeness of
his death, we
shall be also
in the likeness
of his
resurrection:**

This, often ignored
verse (except perhaps
during Easter
sermons), addresses
the suffering of True
Believers. Being
“**planted together** in
the **likeness** of his
death...” speaks of
how Christ’s TRUE
followers are
connected to Christ
as evidenced by a
similarity of his death.

What was Christ's death like? What were some of the circumstances associated with Christ's death? What they were, true Christ-followers will see in our lives.

Jesus was very different in thinking and values from those around himself and

was mocked and falsely
accused by most of his
own people. His
claims were not
believed by many. He
was set up, tested,
maligned, ousted and
rejected by many—
though he did very
helpful and right things
for people. He was
starkly betrayed by
someone who seemed
to be among the closest

to him. The legal system was unjustly used against him.

He endured undeserved physical and emotional agony.

Those conditions permeated his death.

Likewise, such will be seen in the life of genuine Believers. It's the very suffering

similarities that
show a fusing, a
bond, of true
Believers to Christ.

Even so, that's not
the end of the verse
nor is it the end of
the promise because
“...we shall be also
in the likeness of
his resurrection.”

We are promised to

be similar to Christ's resurrection which was profound, powerful, and permanent. It was overcoming and victorious. As Christ's few, we will also be gloriously raised away from earth and its inherent grief. Away, Scripture promises—away to majesty.

September
7

Genesis
1:26

Us,
Our,
and
Our



And God said,
Let us **make** **man**
in our image,
after our likeness:
and let **them**
have dominion
over the fish of
the sea, and
over the fowl of
the air, and over
the cattle, and
over all the
earth, and over

**every creeping
thing that
creepeth upon
the earth.**

Throughout the years, many have questioned, debated, and attempted to explain the meaning of the words, “us”, “us”, and “our” as it is written in this scriptural verse. I have my ideas about it too, but frankly, I can't say emphatically there's just one way to understand this.

So, I'm stating the following (based on the English translations I have at present): *God and either other parts of Himself or God and other individual entities* are referred to in this “us”, “our” and “our” verse.

I lean most heavily to it being God and

other parts of
Himself. If God,
along with other
individual entities,
were responsible
for the creation of
humankind, that
would imply God
alone did not create
humans. Of course,
that would be a clear
contradiction to
many biblical
passages. It would

also set us up to wonder who might be the other entities, where they are, and other concerns with “them”. So, I think it’s safe and reasonable to say the “us”, “our”, and “our” in this passage refers to the unity and complexity of God alone who is responsible for the

creation (no
evolution from
tadpoles or
monkeys) of
humankind.

Given authority
over other
creatures, humans
were created by
the “us”, “us”,
and “our”.

September
8

Jonah 1:1-17

Re-Belly'on



¹ Now the word of the
LORD came unto
Jonah the son of
Amittai, saying,

² Arise, go to Nineveh,
that great city, and cry
against it; for their
wickedness is come
up before me.

³ But Jonah rose up to
flee unto Tarshish from
the presence of the
LORD, and went down

to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish **from the presence of the LORD.**

⁴ But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be

broken.

⁵ Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.

⁶ So the shipmaster came to him, and said

unto him, What
meanest thou, **O**
sleeper? arise, call
upon thy God, if so
be that God will think
upon us, that we
perish not.

⁷ And they said every
one to his fellow,
Come, and let us cast
lots, that we may know
for whose cause this
evil is upon us. So they
cast lots, and the lot

fell upon Jonah.

⁸ Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; What is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and of what people art thou?

⁹ And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD,

**the God of heaven,
which hath made the
sea and the dry land.**

**¹⁰ Then were the men
exceedingly afraid, and
said unto him, Why
hast thou done this?
For the men knew that
he fled from the
presence of the LORD,
because he had told
them.**

**¹¹ Then said they unto
him, What shall we do**

**unto thee, that the sea
may be calm unto us?**

**for the sea wrought,
and was tempestuous.**

**¹² And he said unto
them, Take me up, and
cast me forth into the
sea; so shall the sea
be calm unto you: for I
know that for my sake
this great tempest is
upon you.**

**¹³ Nevertheless the
men rowed hard to**

**bring it to the land; but
they could not: for the
sea wrought, and was
tempestuous against
them.**

**14 Wherefore they cried
unto the LORD, and
said, We beseech thee,
O LORD, we beseech
thee, let us not perish
for this man's life, and
lay not upon us
innocent blood: for
thou, O LORD, hast**

**done as it pleased
thee.**

**¹⁵ So they took up
Jonah, and cast him
forth into the sea: and
the sea ceased from
her raging.**

**¹⁶ Then the men feared
the LORD exceedingly,
and offered a sacrifice
unto the LORD, and
made vows.**

**¹⁷ Now the LORD had
prepared a great fish to**

**swallow up Jonah.
And Jonah was in the
belly of the fish three
days and three nights.**

Rebellion against
God brings one
into the belly of
disaster and even
jeopardizes the
safety of others.
That is the quick
overview of the
biblical account
of Jonah, but
let's dive
into deeper
waters.

“The word of the LORD” came to Jonah.

This particular word of the LORD was for Jonah to do 3 things:

- (1) get up
- (2) go to the large city of Nineveh
- (3) speak strongly against Nineveh.

A reason was given:
That city’s wickedness

had “come up
before” God.

Diving Deeper
Verses 1-2

When a problem
comes up before God,
does that mean God
is somehow made
aware of an issue
that he did not know
about previously?

How is wickedness

brought to God's attention? Prayer and fasting? Keeping the Law? Angels? A spiritual *odor* as from sacrifices by humans to the LORD (a sweet savor)? Is it similar to the blood of Able which called God *from the ground* (Genesis 4:10)?

Verse 3

Apparently Jonah

heard and understood the LORD because he complied to one of the three requests. He arose. Yes, he got up and went, but he did not go where God told him to go nor did he do what God told him to do. Instead of heading toward Nineveh, he tried to go to a town called Tarshish. Not only once, but

twice, our account says, Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish “from the presence of the LORD”. This being recorded twice indicates the point is an important one.

How is it that a **prophet** of the LORD thought it possible to be away from God’s presence? It may be

that Jonah thought
because Tarshish was
far from where God
wanted him to go,
and in the opposite
direction of Nineveh,
he could hide “from the
presence of the LORD”.

It might be said that
Jonah was
attempting to run
from God as some do
even today when

charged with a unique mission. As ridiculous as it may seem, many have tried to evade the calling or instruction of God. That “Tarshish” for some is the recklessness and destructiveness of lifestyle such as use of harmful substances, or sports or other

gaming or gambling
addictions. Sometimes
that escape to Tarshish
is in either the making
of money or the giving
of money or service or
even in ritualistic
church attendance
but without any
relationship with
God. It's the,
“I don't want to do
what I'm told,
but I'll do something

else” way of running.

Verses 4-16

Jonah paid for a boat trip in Joppa to go to Tarshish, but the LORD had other plans for him. God sent a severe wind storm causing the ship workers to be very afraid. They decided what was happening was the result of

someone angering a god. They tried logical and even “spiritual” approaches to the problem. They eliminated excess weight as well as called on their gods.

At some point, they realized Jonah wasn't with them or doing the same things so they went to get him.

He was asleep. They
awoke him calling him
“Sleeper” and telling
him to call on his God
so they might be
spared of the storm’s
effects. They decided
to “cast lots” to
determine fault.
The lot fell on Jonah.
That meant he was
the culprit.

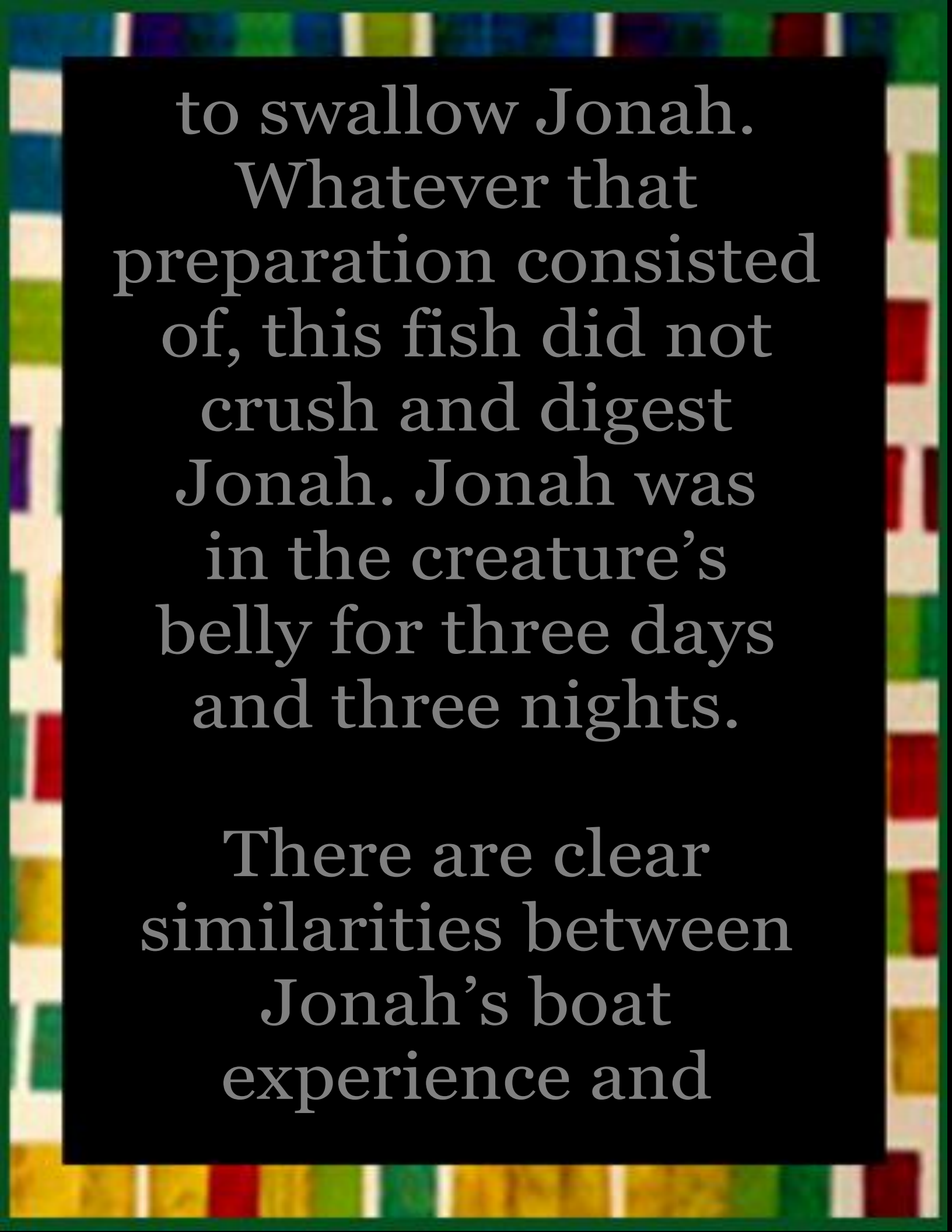
They grilled Jonah

about his personal life
and he answered all
their questions. They
asked him what it
would take to appease
his God. Jonah told
them to toss him
overboard. They tried
to avoid doing that by
rowing harder but that
didn't help. Finally,
they prayed that the
LORD would not hold
what they were about

to do against them.
Then they threw Jonah
off the boat into the
waters. The storm
stopped. The boat
workers revered the
LORD greatly and later
offered sacrifices to
him and made
personal vows.

Verse 17 and Notes

The LORD had
“prepared” a great fish



to swallow Jonah.

Whatever that preparation consisted of, this fish did not crush and digest Jonah. Jonah was in the creature's belly for three days and three nights.

There are clear similarities between Jonah's boat experience and

one of Jesus when
he slept in a boat
during a storm
that only one
person could
cause to stop.

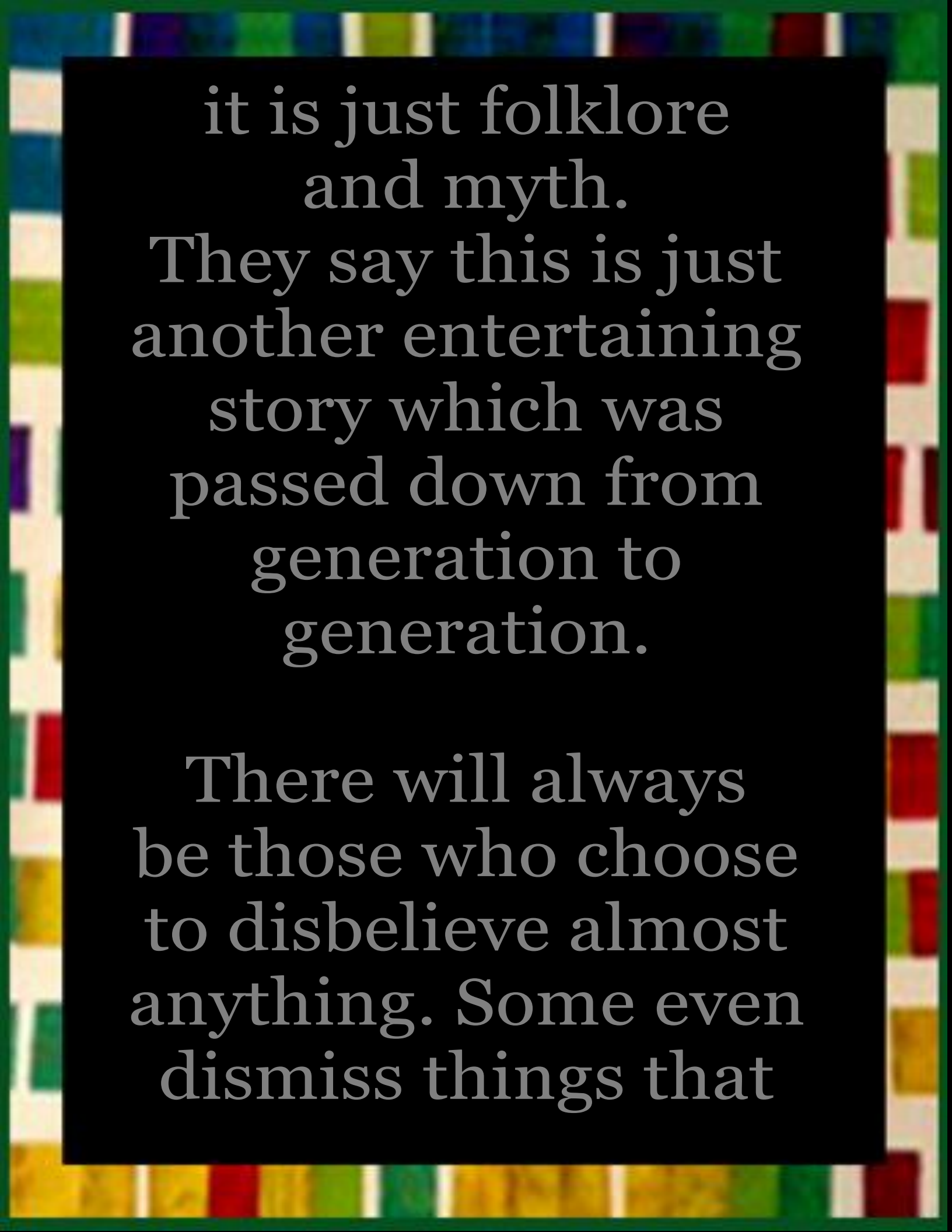
Also, Jonah was
out of sight for 3
days and 3 nights
while he was
in the belly of
the big fish.

Jesus was out
of sight for 3 days
and 3 nights while
he was in the inner
parts of the earth.



That's just the first chapter of the account of the prophet Jonah. It shows Jonah's very human ways and God's very superior and non-human ways.

Of course, there are some who contend that none of this really happened and



it is just folklore
and myth.

They say this is just
another entertaining
story which was
passed down from
generation to
generation.

There will always
be those who choose
to disbelieve almost
anything. Some even
dismiss things that

happen within their own lives when they cannot explain them.

As this very account exemplifies, we all have the right of choice—with consequences, of course.

Any one of us could find ourselves in the **belly** of danger due to **rebellion**—

Re-BELLY on'.

September
9

2 Peter
3:10-14

**How
Should We
Be Living?**



¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

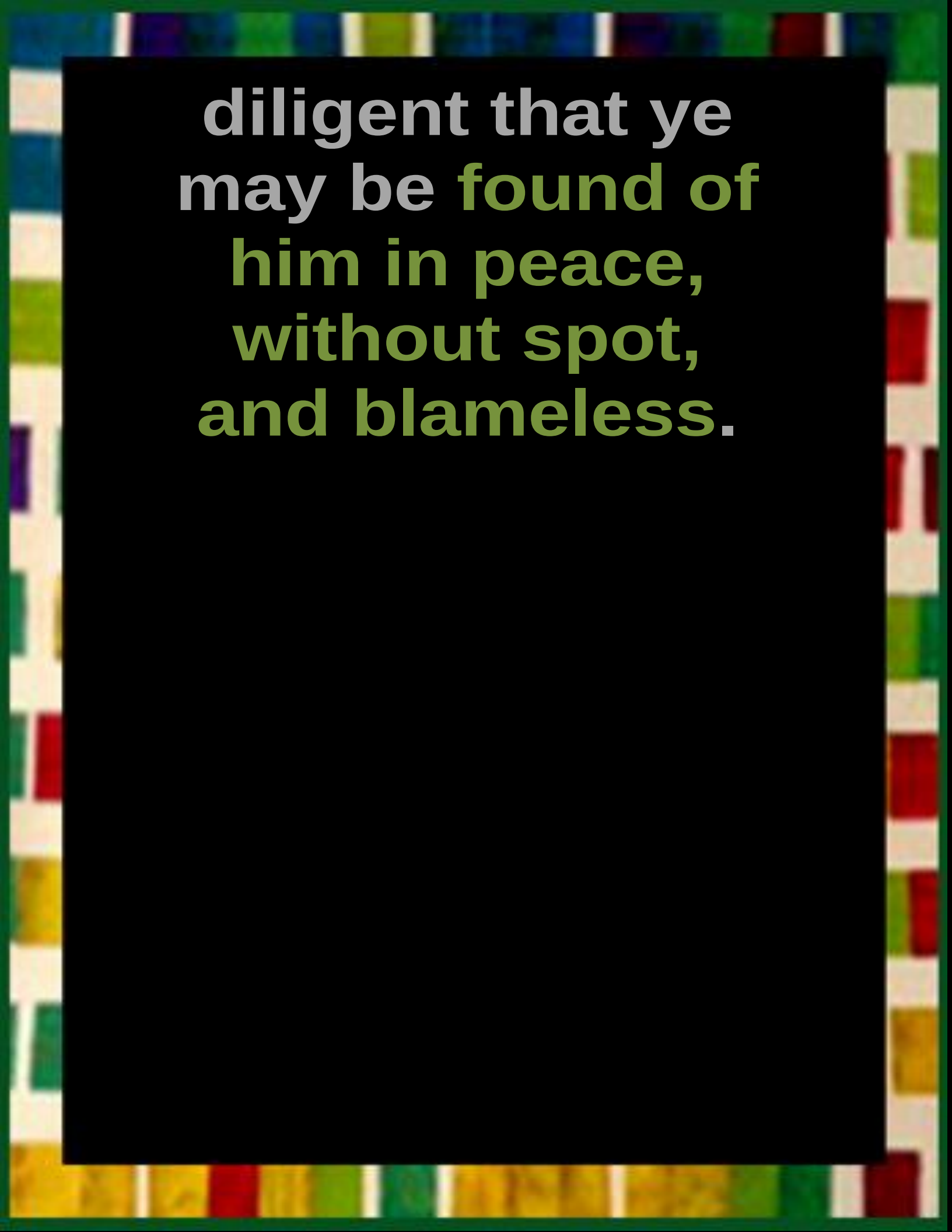
**11 Seeing then that
all these things
shall be dissolved,
what manner of
persons ought ye
to be in all holy
conversation and
godliness,**

**12 Looking for and
hasting unto the
coming of the day
of God, wherein
the heavens being
on fire shall be**

dissolved, and the
elements shall melt
with fervent heat?

¹³ Nevertheless we,
according to his
promise, **look for
new heavens and
a new earth,**
wherein dwelleth
righteousness.

¹⁴ Wherefore,
beloved, seeing
that ye look for
such things, be



**diligent that ye
may be found of
him in peace,
without spot,
and blameless.**

Question:
Since everything's
going away, how
should we live?

Answer:
We should daily
live “in all holy
conversation and
godliness” (11).

We should be
looking for and
readily awaiting the

coming of the day
of God.

We should be
diligent.

We should be
peaceful and
without spot.

We should be found
blameless (14).

Who says?

It's in there.
2 Peter 3: 10-14...
and throughout
Scripture.

If we are sincere
Believers, we read,
understand, and
embrace Scripture.
Therefore, we're
not clueless about
how we should be
living.

September
10

Genesis
1:1-3

God
Created,
God Moved,
& God Said



¹ In the beginning
God **created** the
heaven and the
earth.

² And the earth
was without
form, and void;
and darkness was
upon the face of
the deep. And the
Spirit of God
moved upon the
face of the waters.

³ And God **said**,
Let there be
light: and there
was light.

God is One of
Action.

God creates.

God moves.

God says.

Overall, God
DOES.

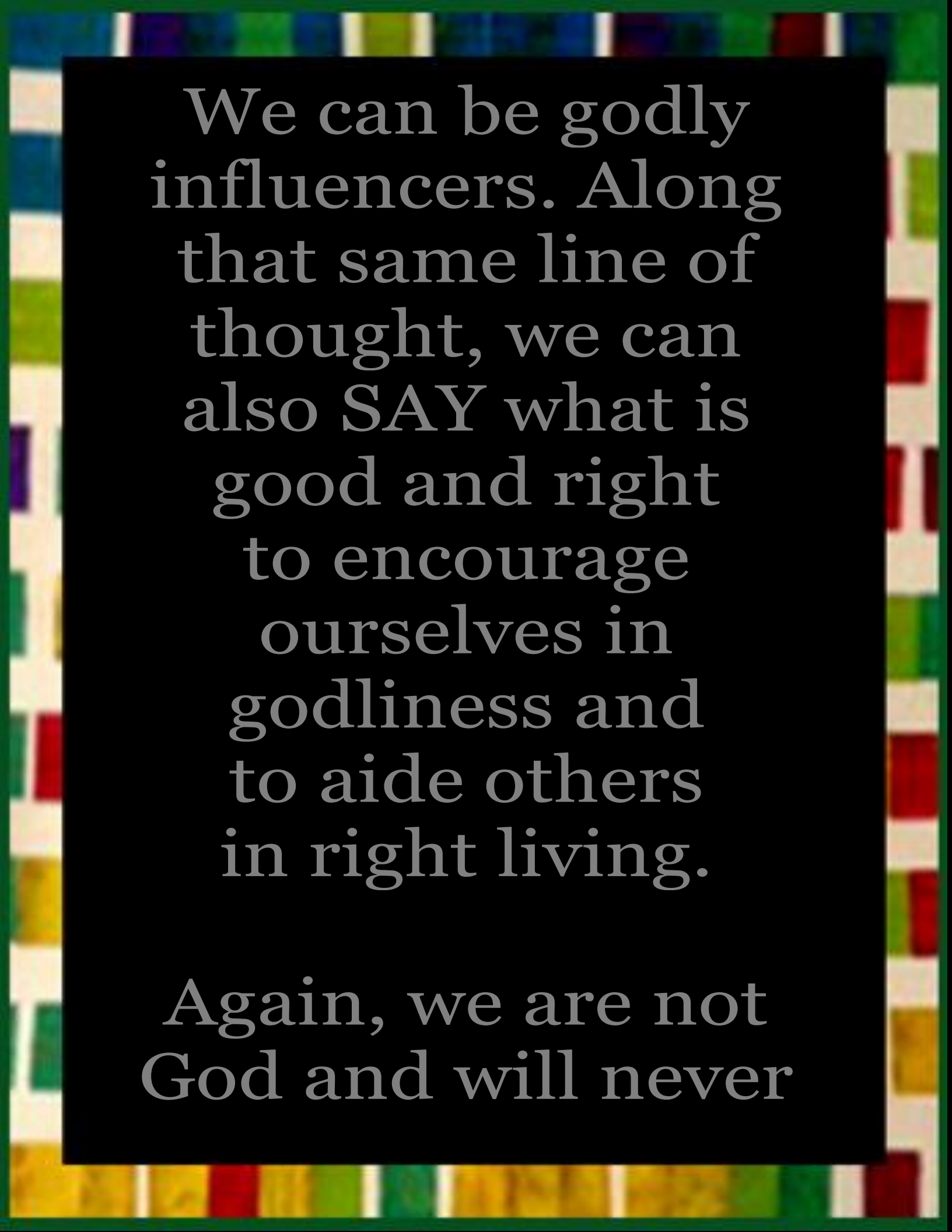
Could it be that
God wants those
who profess to
love him to also
be of action?

Though we cannot,
and never will, do
all the things God
has done, we can
be spiritually
and even
physically active.

Throughout
Scripture, we
are urged to
be His own
creations who
are of action.

We can utilize
the lives we are
given to CREATE
(such as godly art,
movies, books,
sermons, podcasts,
online postings,
music, maybe
even God-honoring
games, and more).

As lights to the
world, we can
MOVE others, to
live righteously.



We can be godly influencers. Along that same line of thought, we can also SAY what is good and right to encourage ourselves in godliness and to aide others in right living.

Again, we are not God and will never

“evolve” into God.
We cannot create
something from
nothing as God
did. Any waters
we move upon
just make us wet
or we end up
poisoning them
with chemicals.
We also cannot
“speak things
into existence”
(as some have

twisted Scriptures
to say).

Nonetheless,
we may see a
correlation
between what
God has done in
creation and
what we can do
as his creations.

Ultimately, we see
from this biblical

passage that God
was the Creator
from the very
beginning.

God created.
God moved.
God spoke.

September
11

Ecclesiasticus
51:23

Come. Closer.
Live in the
House of
My Wisdom.



Ecclesiasticus 51:23

1611 KJV	Geneva, 1560	Great Bible, 1540
Draw near unto me you unlearned, and dwell in the house of learning.	Draw near unto me, ye unlearned, and dwell in the house of learning.	O come unto me ye unlearned, and dwell in the house of my wisdom:

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How can Believers get
closer to God?

What are specific
steps one may
take to have a deeper
bond—a real relationship
with Creator?

Connection and Communion

How can unholy humans
link to the Holy One?

☑ Scripture ☑ Prayer
☑ Obedience ☑ Self-
denial

Draw near – Oh, come.

Purposefully guide
yourself to godliness
through prayer and the
reading of and listening to
Scripture.

Ye Unlearned.

Don't assume you already
know. Instead,

acknowledge that you
NEED to learn.

Dwell in the house.

Stay there.

Reside there.

Live on the campus so
that you are surrounded
by the educational
environment.

Learning — My Wisdom.

Do not seek your own
(or even that

of the world),
but rather pursue
God's wisdom and
instruction.

September
12

John
1:14

**Word to
Flesh**



**And
the Word
was made flesh,
and dwelt among
us, (and we
beheld his glory,
the glory as of
the only
begotten of the
Father,) full of
grace and truth.**

“THE WORD”,
by the
way, was never
any Bible. The Word
was made flesh.

How do we
understand “the
Word” becoming
“flesh”?

What was “the
Word”? In what
way did “the Word”

become “flesh”?

Genuine Bible-believers comprehend that God, himself, became flesh through the person of Messiah Jesus. We understand Jesus as being so much a part of God that he IS, in a way, God.

It's the total unity,
the tightness, of
God and Jesus.

It's not that God
and Jesus were not
separate entities.

During what is called
“the transfiguration”,
God spoke to Jesus,
from heaven, in front
of witnesses.

At Jesus' crucifixion,
Jesus spoke to God
asking why he had
been forsaken.

There
are other accounts
which are just as
clear where God and
Jesus are shown as
individual beings.

However, it is also
not that Christians

worship more than
one God.

True Believers serve
only one God

(monotheism). We
are not polytheistic.

God and Jesus are
the same regarding
complete agreement,
but are separate
in operation.

One may have seen

or heard of children who may play one parent against another. They may say to the mother, “Dad said we could go out and play in the snow,” knowing that if the mother thinks it’s alright with the children’s father, it would be alright with the mother as well. Then

the children would
tell the father the
same of the mother.
In that way, each
parent thinks the
other has given
approval though
neither has actually
done so. The
children will have
pitted the mother
and father against
each other.

Because of the
ONENESS of God
and Jesus, that can
never be done. You
can't go to God and
bypass Jesus. You
can't be accepted by
the Father while
rejecting the Son.
They are so "ONE"
that such could
never happen. In
fact, **Jesus** said no
one comes to the

Father except
through **himself**
(John 14:6).

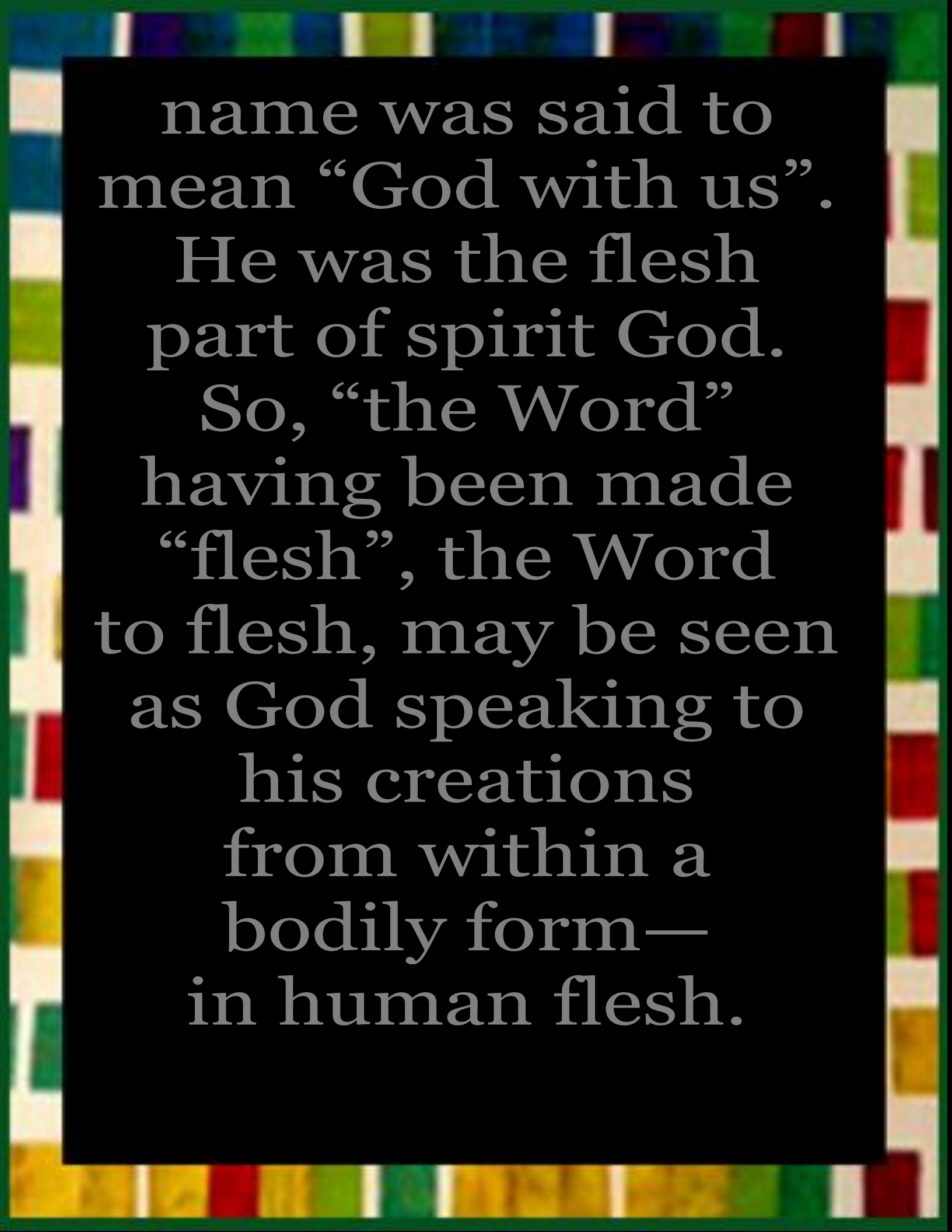
What is sometimes
called a “trinity” or a
tri-unity of God
(Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit) may be
similar to one egg
with its outer shell,
inner clear-like part
or egg white, and
yellow part, the yolk.

They are separate parts but still one.

Similarly, one woman may be a **mother**. She is also someone's **daughter**.

She may also be someone's **wife**. That same woman is just one person, yet she has more than one position or operation.

God may be more multi-faceted than just tri-part and all operations of God are as ONE UNIT. Jesus said he and the Father “are one” (John 10:30). When Jesus was born and was called “Emmanuel” and “Immanuel” (Matthew 1:23 and Isaiah 7:17), that



name was said to
mean “God with us”.

He was the flesh
part of spirit God.

So, “the Word”
having been made
“flesh”, the Word
to flesh, may be seen
as God speaking to
his creations
from within a
bodily form—
in human flesh.

That flesh was
witnessed as
magnificence
and as having
such splendor that
it could only be of
the Father. That
flesh was so glorious
and filled with such
grace and truth that
it could only have
been the special,
unique one—
the only one

who had come
directly FROM,
as in, born of the
Father.

September
13

Ecclesiasticus
27:25a-27

Rules of
Boomerang



**25 Who so casteth
a stone on high,
casteth it on his
own head....**

**26 Who so diggeth
a pit shall fall
therein: and he
that setteth a
trap shall be
taken therein.**

**27 He that
worketh mischief,
it shall fall upon**

**him, and he shall
not know
whence it
cometh.**

If you throw a rock
up, it's coming
down—possibly on
your own head.

If you set a trap
or dig a pit, your
time is coming.
You'll fall in it.

If you live like dirt,
don't be surprised
when you get hurt.

It's just a good
rule to not harm
others because
you're not immune
to the boomerang
of what you do.

You may not even
know from where
or why that
boomerang, that
back-in-your-own-
face ricochet
event is

happening.

Regardless to
religious status,
or lack of it,
there seems to
be real rules of
boomerang.

September
14

Baruch
5:2

Double-Plus
Good



**Cast about
thee a double
garment of the
righteousness
which cometh
from God, and
set a diadem
on thine head
of the glory
of the
Everlasting.**



Baruch 5:2 ~ 1611 KJV
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Diadem:
a
jeweled
crown
or
headband
worn as
a symbol
of
sovereignty.

First, wrap yourself
in two layers
of the righteousness

which comes
from God.

Then, place on
your head a
jeweled crown
of the glory of

**the
Everlasting.**

That's double-plus
good.

**September
15**

**Matthew
7:15-20**

**Spot em'.
Spot the
Fakers!**



15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

**17 Even so every
good tree
bringeth forth
good fruit; but
a corrupt tree
bringeth forth
evil fruit.**

**18 A good tree
cannot bring
forth evil fruit,
neither can a
corrupt tree
bring forth
good fruit.**

**19 Every tree
that bringeth
not forth good
fruit is hewn
down, and cast
into the fire.**

**20 Wherefore
by their fruits
ye shall
know them.**

This says: Watch
out for fake
forecasters who
approach you as
if they are friendly
and sincere but
who are actually
ready to devour
you. You'll be able
to tell who's who
by what they
produce.

As surely as is

the fact that
people don't
collect good stuff
that has bad stuff
on it, what's really
good will produce
good and what's
bad will produce
something bad.

It's never the
reverse—good
won't yield bad
and bad won't

yield good.

Nevertheless, the
bad will be
punished by
being cut down
and burned.

So, you will know
those who are real
vs. those who
are fakers—
by their output.

September
16

John
1:1

THE WORD
Existed
Before Any
Bible



In the **beginning**
was the Word,
and the Word
was with God,
and the Word
was God.

As many times as I
had read and heard
this verse, I was still
calling Bibles, any
version, “the word of
God” and, “the Word”
and, “God’s Word”.

Why?

I was doing that
because that was
what was coming
from pulpits.

Like so many, I
was reading the
verse correctly
but interpreting it
incorrectly just as
I had been taught
to do.

However, once I
finally stopped
fighting and rejecting
the correction I
received concerning
the error I so firmly

held, I read what
was there and
understood
it just as it is
written.

In the beginning
was THE WORD.
Since there were
no Bibles
“in the beginning”,
the Word, could
not be and can not
be any Bible or any

book or collection
of books.

THE WORD was
with God. Again,
no printing press,
no paper, no ink,
no English language,
no language at all
existed. So, no.

“The Word” couldn’t
be any Bible.

THE WORD was
God. Obviously,
Bibles aren't God.
If any Bible is
anyone's God,
that's idolatry.
God is worshipped.
Human-made
things should
never be
worshipped.

One may refuse
to acknowledge

the fact that
different Bible
versions are
different in terms
of actual words and
their meanings.
One may fail to
compare versions
for oneself.

Nevertheless,
from this scriptural
verse, and others,
surely anyone who

genuinely pursues
truth can see that
Bibles did not exist
IN THE **BEGINNING**
and, therefore, can
NOT be THE WORD.

Further,
what is called
“THE Bible”
contains many
writings of many
different people.
Though inspired

by God, even the
writers themselves
do not claim to be
God.

Where we are to
understand words
as coming from
God, Scripture
always plainly
states it with
phrases such as,
“thus saith the LORD”.

Why is it important
to know that no
Bible is “the Word”?
Understanding this
is necessary because
when we take every
word in Scripture to
be God speaking, we
can easily be misled
in our interpretation
and understanding,
and therefore,
in our actions.

Scriptures can be
twisted to manipulate
and control our
minds and behavior
and all, supposedly,
with God's authority
and approval when
we don't discern
who is talking and
in what context.

Words which were
personal meditations
or letters to other

individuals or
congregations,
for example, could
be wrongly
interpreted
as definitive promises
or guarantees directly
from God to us. Then,
when expectations do
not come to fruition,
the faith of many is
destroyed.

God, “the Word”,

was in the beginning.

We need to know
and fully comprehend
that.

Nothing else was
in the beginning.

“In the beginning
was the Word...”
is a crucial and
foundational truth.

September
17

Ecclesiasticus
17:29

A
Holiness
Blessing



**How great is
the loving
kindness of
the Lord our
God, and his
compassion
unto such
as turn unto
him in
holiness?**

Question:

People who seek the Almighty would surely want the blessings of God's loving kindness and compassion, but how does one "turn to him in holiness"?

Answer: Rotate away from things which are the opposite of holiness. Take steps

toward intentionally
rejecting known
ungodliness.

Approach God with
a mindset of
sincerity and with
a desire to submit
to God's holy will
to experience a
holiness blessing

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September
18

Isaiah
53:3-6

Man
of
SORROWS



³ He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

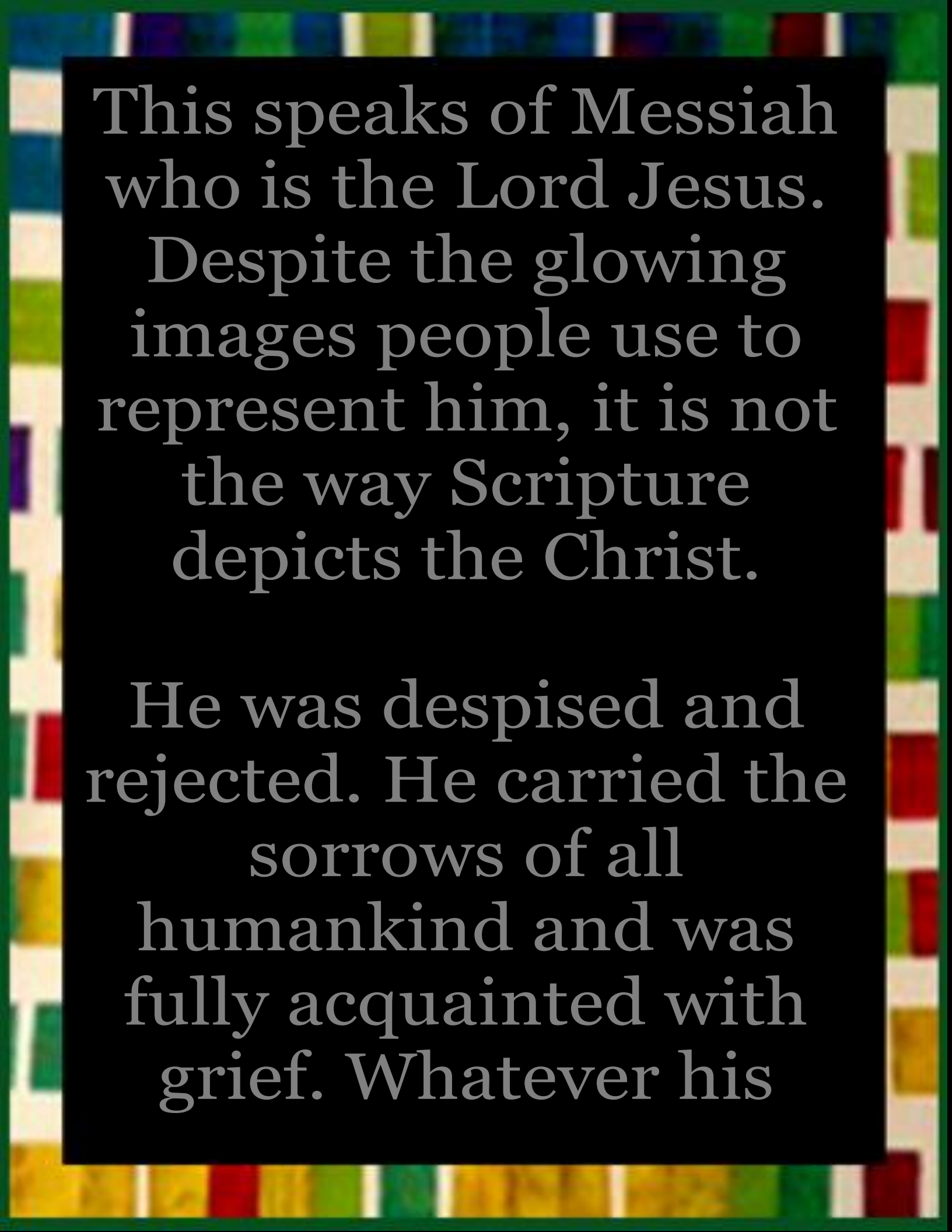
⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did

**esteem him stricken,
smitten of God, and
afflicted.**

**⁵ But he was
wounded for our
transgressions, he
was bruised for our
iniquities: the
chastisement of our
peace was upon
him; and with his
stripes we are
healed.**

⁶ All we like sheep

**have gone astray;
we have turned
every one to his
own way; and
the LORD hath
laid on him the
iniquity of us all.**



This speaks of Messiah
who is the Lord Jesus.

Despite the glowing
images people use to
represent him, it is not
the way Scripture
depicts the Christ.

He was despised and
rejected. He carried the
sorrows of all
humankind and was
fully acquainted with
grief. Whatever his

physical appearance
was or whatever
emotions his presence
evoked, it, according to
Scripture, wasn't
automatic favor or
instant attraction.
Instead, it caused
people to avoid so
much as looking at
him. Something about
him was so off-putting,
whether physically,
and/or spiritually, that

people thought of
him as being beaten
down and made
miserable by God.

Though quite
commonly misused,
the words, “with his
stripes we are
healed” does not
promote physical
healing.

It has nothing

to do with
making anyone
healthy or well.
It only has to do
with the spiritual
healing from the
sickness
of sin.

So, what has
Jesus done for
humankind?:

◆ carried our griefs

and took on our
sorrows

❖ allowed himself to
be wounded for our
transgressions and
bruised for our
iniquities

❖ suffered punishment
so we would not have
to be eternally
tormented— so we
could have eternal

“peace”

◆ endured physical
beatings of “stripes”
for our spiritual
healing

◆ handled the
iniquity of those
who accept his
sacrifice

September
19

Ecclesiasticus
12:8

True
who's
who



**A friend
cannot be
known
in prosperity,
and an enemy
cannot be
hidden
in adversity.**

Have you ever heard of a celebrity who had a great deal of money and lots of “friends” at the same time? His or her crew would seem to be so tightly-knit and so close to the celebrity that they were almost inseparable. But what usually happened when the icon’s money was gone? More times than not, the friends were

gone when the money
was gone.

Sometimes members of
the former entourage
not only showed how
unfriendly they had
become since the
financial loss, but they
proved to be enemies.
They rejected their past
benefactor. Some even
testified in court
against him or her.

This practical wisdom does not only apply to the wealthy. No one really knows who is a real friend when things are going well. A friend cannot be known in prosperity. Likewise, that old kick-em'-when-they're-down mentality will rear its head when times are hard. When things get rough, undercover

enemies will peel away
their masks and reveal
who they really are—
who is who.

Jesus, the Christ, had
12 inner-circle
disciples. They were
extremely connected to
him as they traveled
from place to place and
enjoyed the advantages
of watching miracles
first-hand and being

considered special
because of their
closeness to Christ.

However, when
maltreatment became
severe and adversity
was heightened, even
the most devoted fled.

Jesus is not a fair-
weather friend. He
showed himself to be a
friend to the whole

world when he gave himself freely for the sins of humankind. His friendship, his LOVE, was not hidden in even the harshest of conditions. He is the true Who's Who.

**September
20**

**Matthew
5:10-12**

**Blessed
and Highly
Persecuted**



10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil

against
you falsely,
for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and
be exceeding
glad: for great is
your reward in
heaven: for so
persecuted they
the prophets
which were
before you.

Scripture says that
those who are
persecuted, because
of righteousness,
are blessed. Even so,
how can one be
both blessed and
also persecuted?

How can persecution
ever be a blessing?

Get Answers:

Text: Blessed and Highly Persecuted

September
21

Ecclesiasticus
51:7

**No
Help
From
Men**



**They
compassed me
on every side,
and there was
no man to
help me:
I looked for
the succor
of men,
but there
was none:**

Enemies completely
surrounded me.
I looked for the aide,
support, and comfort
of people. That effort
was totally useless.
There was no help.
No one would, or
could, help me.

That's timeless.
It's a common
theme for any
who truly

pursue godliness.

It was a profound minister of the past, Leonard Ravenhill, who said, “the saint must walk alone.”

Even a Believer’s own “Christian” or biological *family* can sometimes bring only frustration and disappointment.

They can actually be
more harmful than
helpful.

Job, of Scripture,
also discovered that
reality.

Sometimes, there
is just no help
from man.

September
22

Philippians
2:9-11

A Really
Special
Name



**⁹ Wherefore God
also hath highly
exalted him,
and given him
a name which
is above every
name:**

**¹⁰ That at the
name of Jesus
every knee
should bow,
of things in
heaven, and**

**things in earth,
and things under
the earth;**

**¹¹ And that every
tongue should
confess that
Jesus Christ
is Lord, to the
glory of God
the Father.**

God has ranked Jesus very highly. He has given Jesus a name that is higher than any other. It was the intention of God that at that very *name* (that authority), every knee **SHOULD** bow.

Everything in heaven, everything on earth, and everything under the earth should bow to Jesus. It was also

God's will that every tongue **SHOULD** confess that Jesus was the Christ, Messiah, and Lord. This would be to Father God's honor—His glory.

Note that Scripture does not say every knee **SHALL** (will) bow or that every tongue will acknowledge Jesus (Wonderful) as

Messiah. I have heard
it preached and sung
that way,



“Every knee shall bow.
Every tongue confess
that Jesus is Lord...”

Turning “should” into
“shall” is a re-wording
of Scripture which
grossly changes its
meaning.

It doesn't necessarily
mean that every
creature will or will not
eventually recognize
Jesus as Lord.

Scripture simply does
not say that here. This
passage speaks only of
God's goal. It's just as
it's not God's will that
anyone should be lost,
but some will be lost.

The focus of this

portion of a letter to the Philippians is that the name of Jesus (Yeshua) is super special and reaches heaven, earth, and below earth. It's a name "above every name".

If we would grasp the spiritual concept of "name", we could go even deeper than a

proper name (which
is written and said
differently depending
on the language,
dialect, or culture).
We could delve into
the reality of “name”
as being a
representation of
character, spirit,
and/or authority.

September
23

Nahum
1:7

Gracious
LORD
Knows His
Trusters



**The LORD is
good, a strong
hold in the day
of trouble; and
he knoweth
them that trust
in him.**

The LORD is good,
kind, friendly, and
merciful. He is a
“strong hold”—a
powerful keeper,
during times of
trouble and he
knows those who
trust Him. YHVH
is a tight bond.

Knowing their
identity, Creator
helps those who

trust Him.

He is benevolent
and his generosity
of safely keeping
and protecting
extends to all
who trust in Him.

Matthew's Bible

Full gracious is the Lorde / and a stronge
holde in the tyme of trouble / he knoweth the
that put their trust in him: when the floude

*Full gracious is the
LORD and a strong
hold in the time of
trouble and he
knoweth them that
put their trust
in him:*

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disposed*

September
24

2 Esdras
2:20

Do
Right



**Do
right
to the
widow,
judge
for
the**



**fatherless,
give to the poor,
defend the orphan,
clothe the naked.**

Those who are
widowed, those
who are fatherless,
the poor, those
who are orphaned,
the naked— the
overall ignored,
displaced, and
downtrodden
need help.

What more is
there to say?



Helping those
in need is just
RIGHT!

Do what's right.

Do the right things.

Be a
“do right”
person.

September
25

Philippians
1:6

Worthwhile
Confidence



**Being confident
of this very thing,
that he which
hath begun a
good work in
you will perform
it until the
day of
Jesus Christ:**

Of all the things people
have confidence in,
this is one that is
worthwhile.

Believers can be secure
in the knowledge that
God, who has started
“a good work” in us,
will finish it.

That good work is not
any job or career. It is
not the activities in

which we may engage
ourselves. That good
work is also not
particular purposes
or individual callings
we may have.

The good work is
the work of changing
us from whatever
we are to whatever
He wants us to be.

It's an ongoing
process that will

be performed
until “the day
of Jesus Christ”.

We can be
absolutely sure
that Christ will do
all that needs to
be done within us
for God’s glory
and that is a
worthwhile
confidence.

September
26

Ephesians
6:10-16

The
REALLY
REAL
WAR
& How to
Fight



**10 Finally, my
brethren, be
strong in the
Lord, and in
the power of
his might.**

**11 Put on the
whole armour
of God, that ye
may be able to
stand against
the wiles of
the devil.**

**12 For we wrestle
not against flesh
and blood, but
against
principalities,
against powers,
against the rulers
of the darkness
of this world,
against spiritual
wickedness in
high places.**

**13 Wherefore
take unto you**

**the whole armour
of God, that ye
may be able to
withstand in the
evil day, and
having done all,
to stand.**

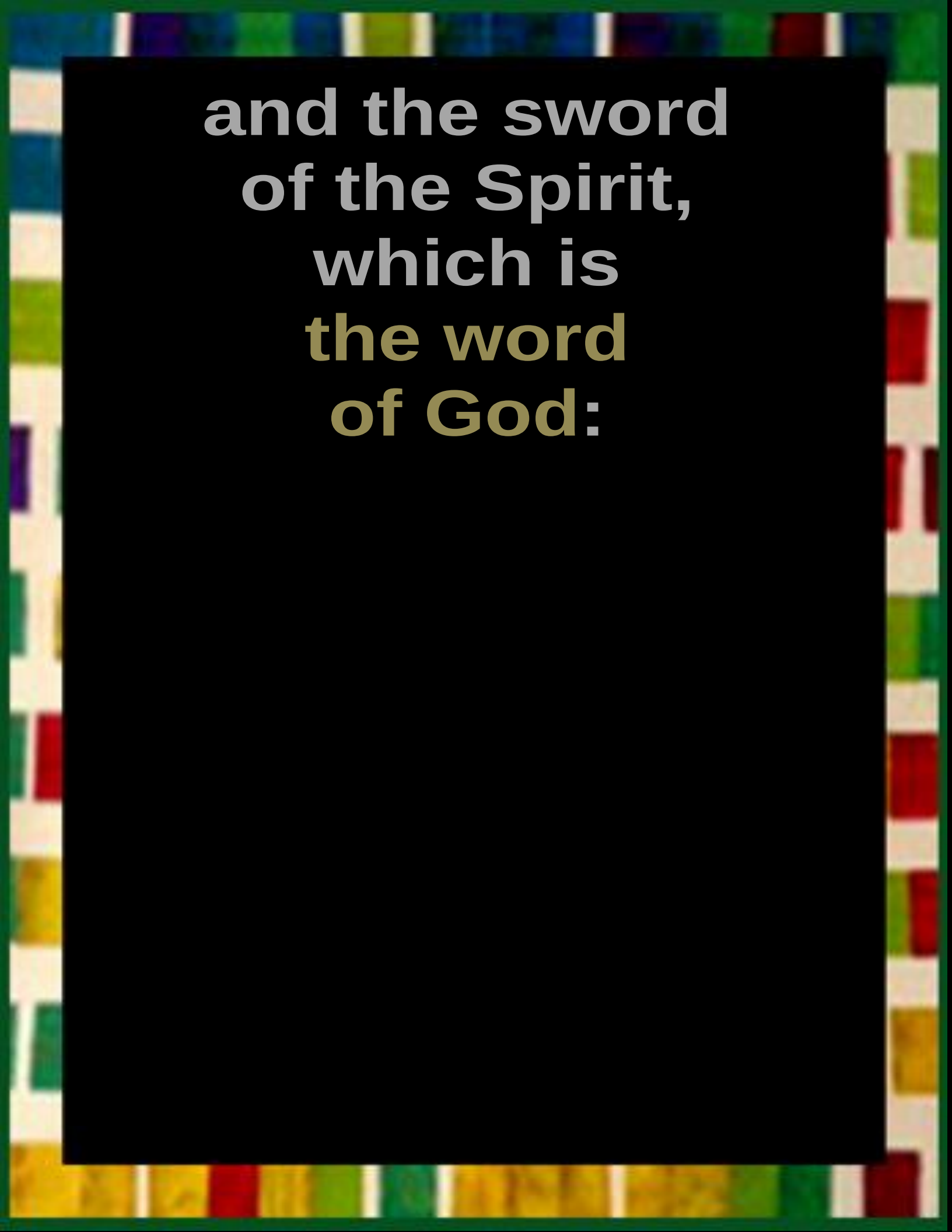
**¹⁴ Stand therefore,
having your loins
girt about with
truth, and having
on the breastplate
of righteousness;**

¹⁵ And your feet

**shod with the
preparation of
the gospel of
peace;**

**¹⁶ Above all,
taking the shield
of faith, wherewith
ye shall be able
to quench all the
fiery darts
of the wicked.**

**¹⁷ And take
the helmet
of salvation,**



**and the sword
of the Spirit,
which is
the word
of God:**

This passage has to
be heard, accepted,
understood,
experienced, and the
whole process repeated
again and again for
depth of meaning.
It must be worked into
a Believer similar to
kneading dough.

Every single part of
this is essential and
yet it is sometimes

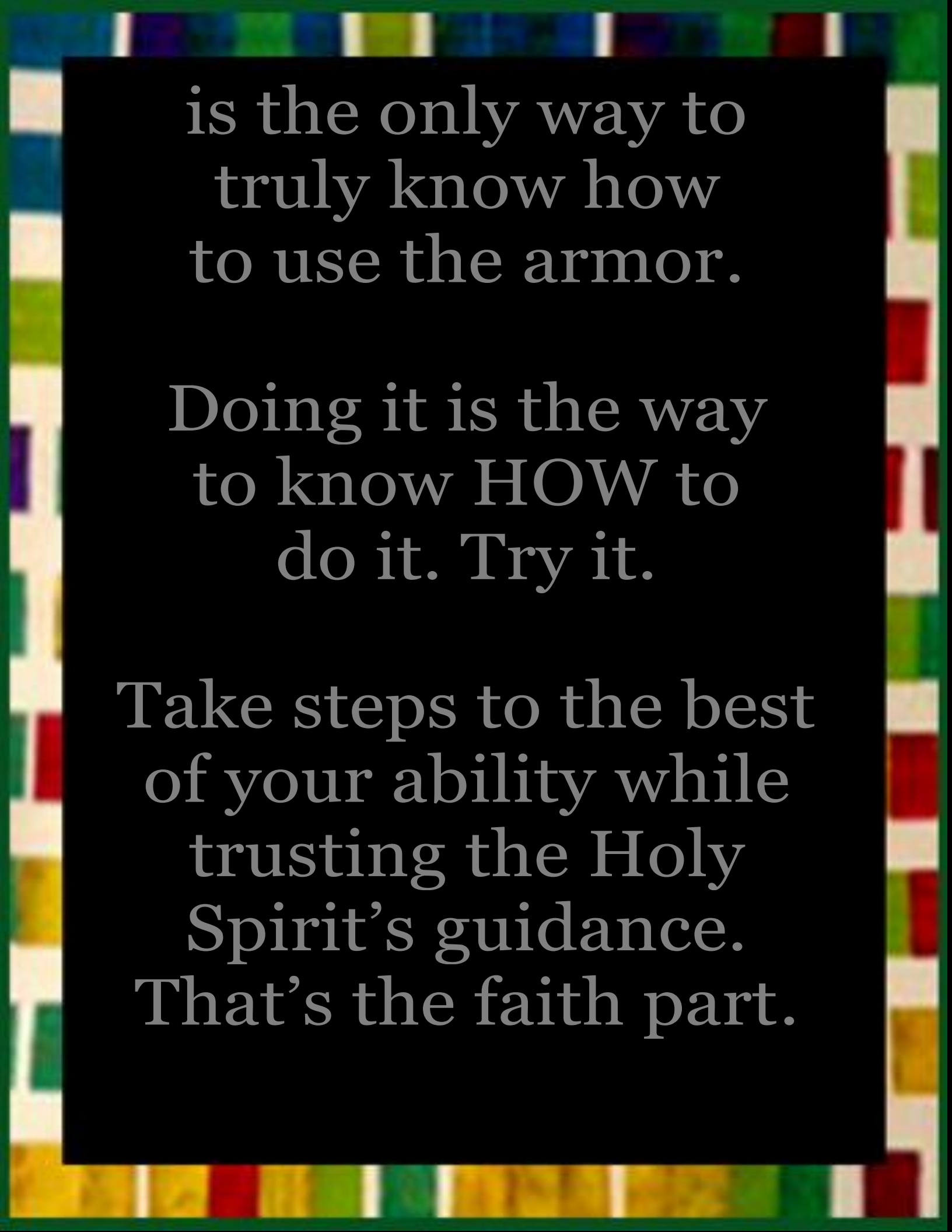
difficult to truly
apply in
day-to-day life.

One could break
down every verse
in explanation,
but mere words
may not be
effective here.

Fighting “the wiles of
the devil” begins with
understanding that

you're not wrestling
against flesh and
blood. Instead,
the fight is against
powerfully evil
spirits *behind* the
spirit-manipulated
beings, even those
who are in positions
of authority.

Utilizing “the whole
armour of God”
as a true Believer



is the only way to
truly know how
to use the armor.

Doing it is the way
to know HOW to
do it. Try it.

Take steps to the best
of your ability while
trusting the Holy
Spirit's guidance.
That's the faith part.

Completely embrace
the truth that there
really is a spiritual
battle which rages
against humankind,
and especially
against those who
stand with Creator.

Yes, there really
is a real war.

Will we fight?

September
27

John
3:16

**Only
Born
Son's
Purpose**



**For God so loved
the world, that
he gave his only
begotten Son,
that whosoever
believeth in him
should not
perish, but have
everlasting life.**

It's not just a memory
verse. It's a need-to-
know verse. The very
purpose of Jesus, God's
"begotten Son", was to
save souls. Jesus is
God's love to
"whosoever believeth"
in him. Through Jesus,
there is "everlasting
life" rather than the
requirement for souls
to "perish".

Yeshua (Jesus) was
the only one who
could become the
sacrifice for the
sins of all
humankind,
according to
Scripture.

September
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Proverbs
3:5-8

**A Good
Way
to Live**



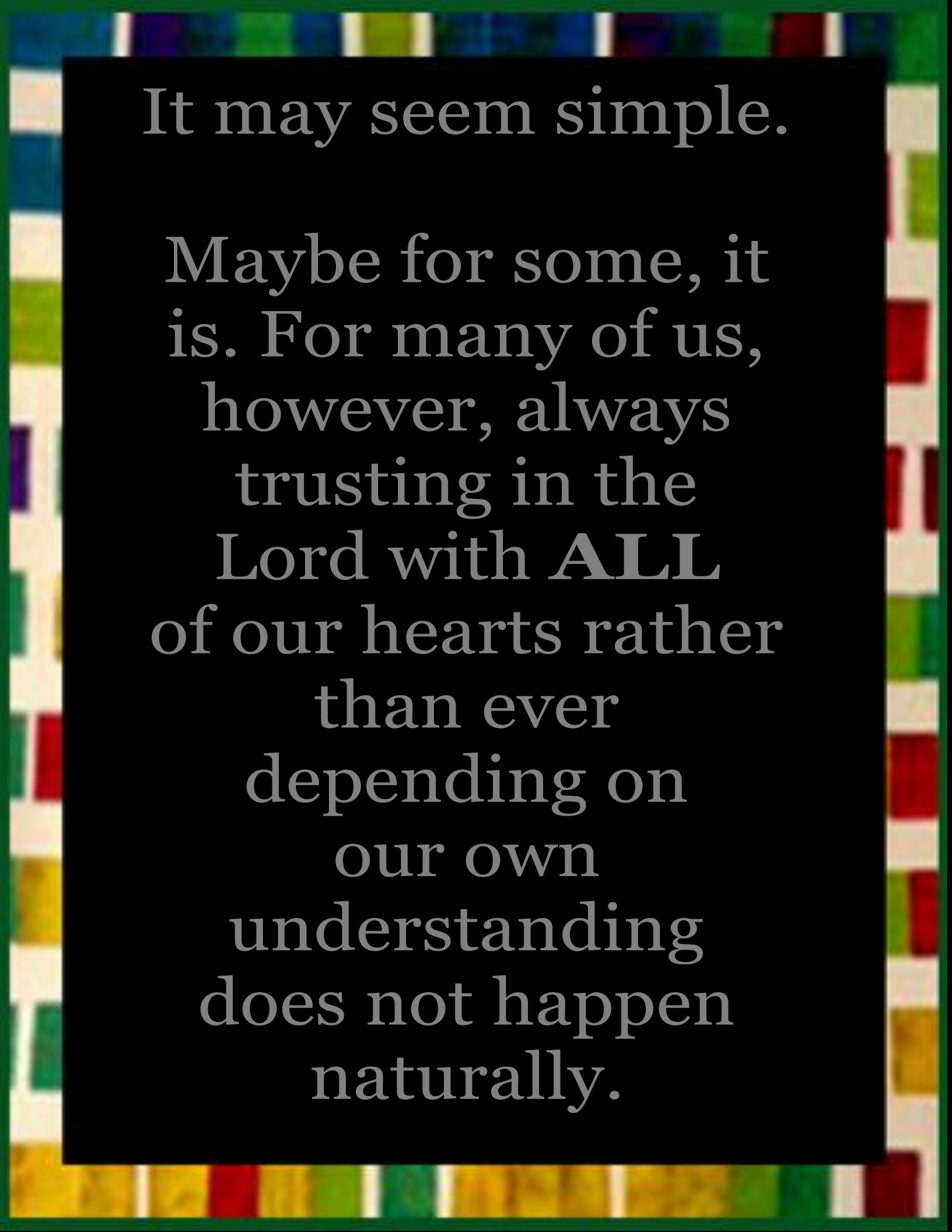
**⁵ Trust in the
LORD with all
thine heart; and
lean not unto
thine own
understanding.**

**⁶ In all thy ways
acknowledge
him, and he shall
direct thy paths.**

**⁷ Be not wise in
thine own eyes:
fear the LORD,**

**and depart
from evil.**

**⁸ It shall be
health to thy
navel, and
marrow to
thy bones.**



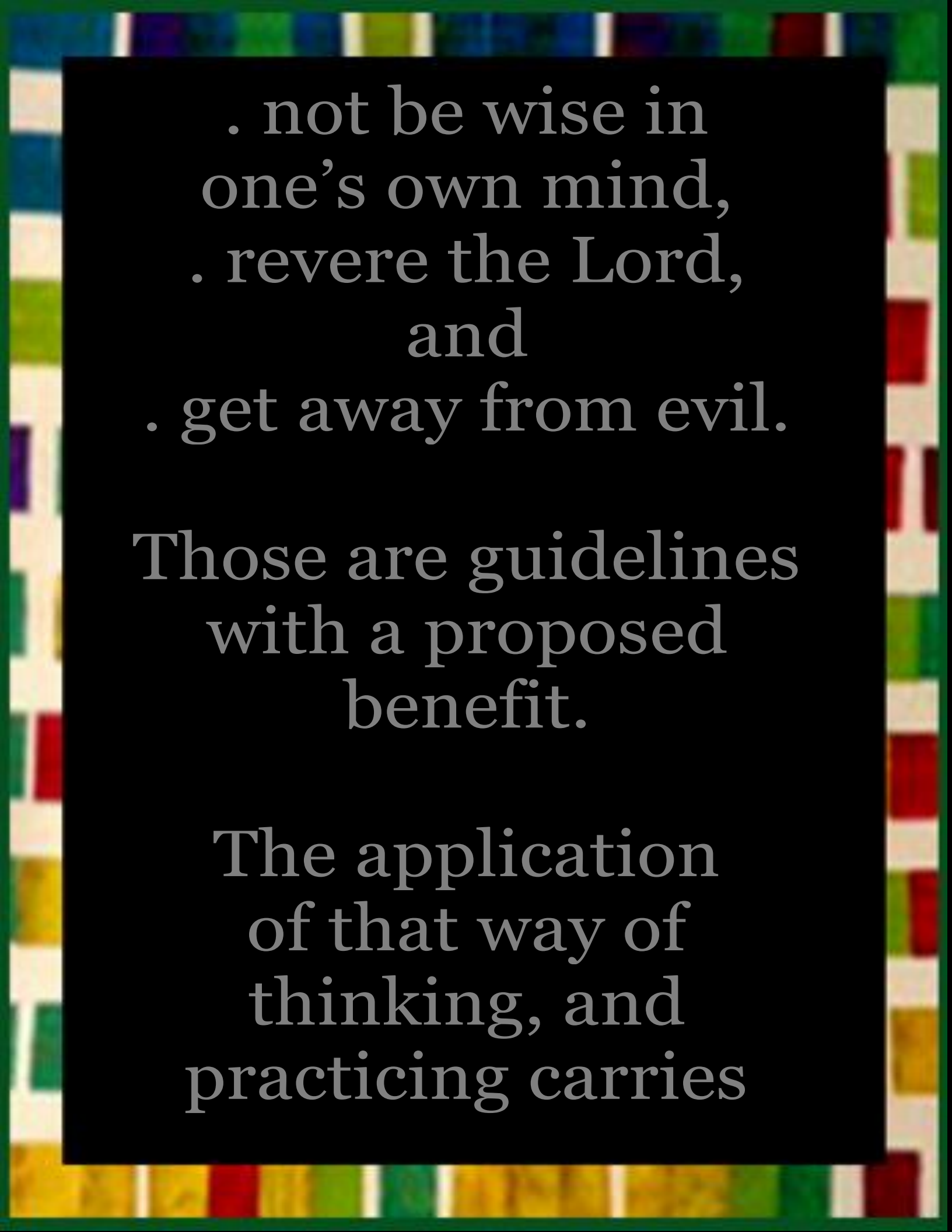
It may seem simple.

Maybe for some, it
is. For many of us,
however, always
trusting in the
Lord with **ALL**
of our hearts rather
than ever
depending on
our own
understanding
does not happen
naturally.

Acknowledging God
in every single one
of our actions does
not happen all
of the time.

It is, nonetheless,
good advice.

The words are
that one should:
· completely trust
in the Lord,
· acknowledge
God in all actions,



- . not be wise in
one's own mind,
- . revere the Lord,
and
- . get away from evil.

Those are guidelines
with a proposed
benefit.

The application
of that way of
thinking, and
practicing carries

an expectation of
deeply sustaining
well-being—
“...health to thy
navel, and marrow
to thy bones”.

Generally
speaking, health
to the navel and
marrow to the
bones suggests an
ongoing spiritually
nutritious

sustaining and
strength.

Following this
principle is just
a very sensible
and good way
to live.

September
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John
9

**Will You
Receive
Sight,
or Remain
Blind?**



Background:

Jesus saw a man who had been born blind. Jesus' disciples asked whose sin, the man or his parents, caused the blindness. Jesus answered that neither he nor his parents were at fault but rather the blindness had a spiritual purpose. It was so God would be

made known to others
within the man's life.

Jesus made a dirt-
saliva mixture,
anoointed the blind
man's eyes, and told
him to wash in a
particular water source.
The man did so and
returned with vision.
People were confused
and speculated about
the man's identity and

what happened to him. When they asked him, he told them exactly what occurred, saying he didn't know where the person was who gave him the instructions. The people took the newly-seeing man to the Pharisees where he was questioned more. There was more uncertainty. This time, the main

issue was that there
was a healing on the
Sabbath day.

There was division and
debate over whether
the man was a vicious
sinner for being healed
on the Sabbath or the
product of a miracle.

They even wanted to
deny the validity of the
former blindness and
questioned the man's

parents. Afraid of being put out of the synagogue (for confessing Jesus as Christ), they only confirmed their son's identity and condition of blindness from birth. They referred the question of healing back to their son.

The Pharisees questioned the newly-

sighted man again and tried to get him to deny Christ. The man responded that he didn't know anything about Jesus. He only knew that he had been blind and that now he could see. The questions and accusations intensified into interrogation and the man became annoyed. At last, he

sarcastically asked
them if they wanted to
know so they could
become Jesus'
disciples.

They accused him of
being Christ's disciple
and said they accepted
Moses' authority, but
not Jesus'. The man
replied: Well, that's
amazing. You don't
know Jesus but he

opened my eyes. We know God doesn't hear sinners but only hears those who worship him. No one has ever heard of someone healing a person who was BORN blind. So, if this man were not of God, he couldn't do anything. Greatly offended, the Pharisees insulted him and threw him out of their synagogue.

**35 Jesus heard
that they had
cast him out;
and when he
had found him,
he said unto
him, **Dost
thou believe
on the Son
of God?****

**36 He answered
and said, Who
is he, Lord, that
I might believe**

on him?

³⁷ And Jesus
said unto him,
**Thou hast both
seen him, and
it is he that
talketh with thee.**

³⁸ And he said,
Lord, I believe.

And he
worshipped
him.

³⁹ And Jesus
said, **For**

**judgment I
am come into
this world, that
they which
see not might see;
and that they
which see might
be made blind.**

**⁴⁰ And some of
the Pharisees
which were with
him heard these
words, and said
unto him, Are**

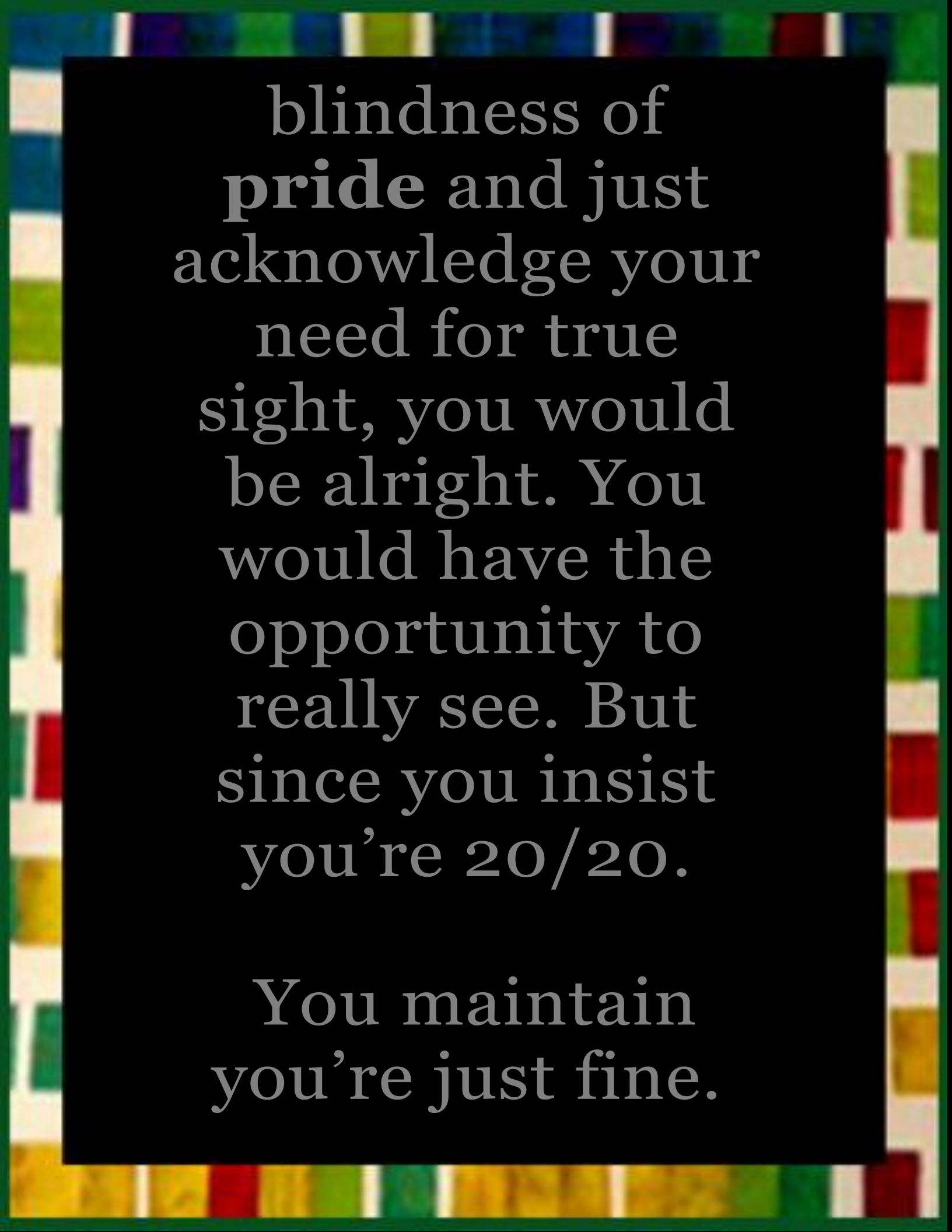
we blind also?

**41 Jesus said unto
them, If ye were
blind, ye should
have no sin: but
now ye say, We
see; therefore
your sin
remaineth.**

Jesus was saying:
This is the judgment
I'm here to execute.
It's to expose spiritual
blindness and to
give spiritual sight.

To the Pharisees
(and like-minded
people of any time-
period), Jesus said:

If you would stop
your **sinful**



blindness of
pride and just
acknowledge your
need for true
sight, you would
be alright. You
would have the
opportunity to
really see. But
since you insist
you're 20/20.

You maintain
you're just fine.

You *say* you see
well. Stay that
way.

Stay **blind!**

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Isaiah
7:14

A
Sign



**Therefore the
Lord himself
shall give you
a sign; Behold,
a virgin shall
conceive, and
bear a son, and
shall call his
name Immanuel.**

For a human female to produce a child, sexual relations must take place, at least that's the normal and natural process. The fact that a **virgin** (a person who has never engaged in sexual activity) gave birth was unusual enough to be a clear sign of something!

From that point, there are two views: it was all untrue since virgins can't give birth or it was a legitimate prophecy which was later fulfilled.

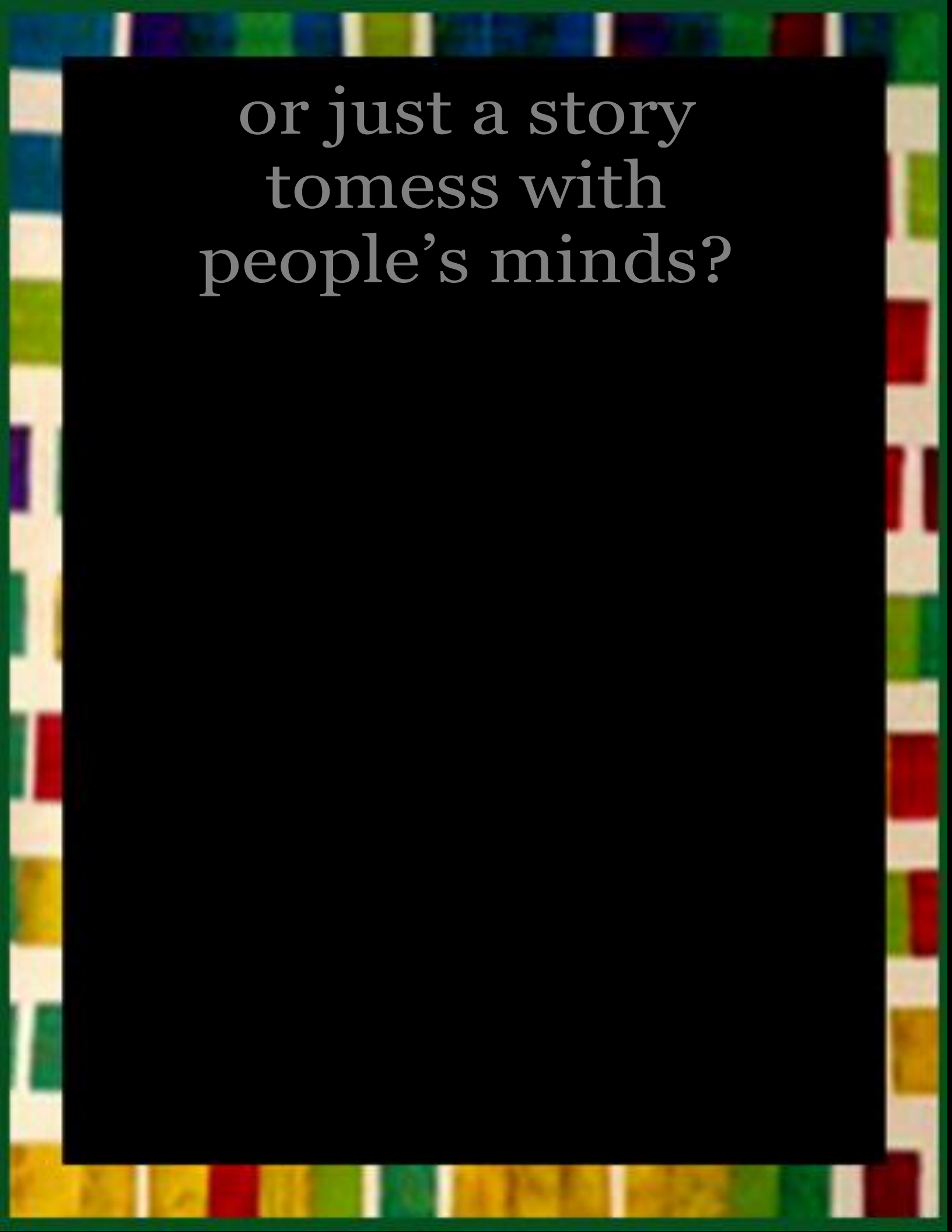
It's up to each person to search for themselves and to decide what he or she believes. Is what is called "the virgin

birth” merely a
fictitious and even
ridiculous tale? Is it,
instead, a sign to
humans that the
child, and later man,
was as unique as
the circumstances
surrounding his
conception? Was
Jesus, in fact, the
prophesied
Son of the
Living God?

According to
Scripture,
the acceptance
or rejection of
that belief will
affect one's
eternity.

So, was “the
virgin birth”
a prophecy
fulfilled?

Was it a sign

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people's minds?

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